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- 1. ON SEPTEMBER 11 THE FMG ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND 20 ADDITIONAL APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE CONSTITUTENT ASSEMBLY (CA), AND ANNOUNCED THAT THE CA WILL CONVENE OCTOBER 6 IN LAGOS.
- 2. CHAIRMAN OF THE CA WILL BE JUSTICE SIR UDO UDOMA, MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA. HIS DEPUTY WILL BE JUSTICE BUBA ARDO, CHIEF JUDGE OF BORNO, GOGOLA AND BAUCHI STATES. JUSTICE UDOMA IS AN EMINENT NIGERIAN JURIST, SECONDED TO UGANDA AS CHIF JUSTICE, 1963-1969; MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, KING GEROGE V MEMORIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FUND; AND A NATIVE OF CROSS RIVER STATE. AS UDOMA IS A SOUTHERNER, PROBABLY AN IJAW, AND ARDO IS A NORTHERNER, THE FMG APPEARS TO HAVE BALABNCED THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CA VERY CAREFULLY.

3. OTHER FMG APPOINTEES INCLUDE CHIEF S.O. ADEBO, NIGERIA'S FORMER REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW

NIGERIAN NEWPAPERS; ALHAJI BABATUNDE JOSE, CHAIRMAN OF THE NIGERIAN TELEVISION AUTHORITY; CHIEF T.A.

ODUTOLA, PRESIDENT OF THE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA; CHIEF A. EZENWA, PRESIDENT OF THE NIGERIAN UNION OF TEACHERS; AND THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF NIGERIAN STUDENTS.

4. THE FMG ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT "IN ORDER TO SPEED UP THE WORK OF THE CA" A TEAM OF LEGAL DRAFTSMAN WOULD ASSIST THE CA. THE TEAM WILL CONSIST OF IN ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF REGIONAL BALANCE, MR. JUSTICE OMOLULU THOMAS OF THE LAGOS HIGH COURT, MR. G. C. OKEKE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS IN ANAMBRA AND MRS. JUSTICE BASHIR WALI, ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF KANO STATE.

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